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**Amendments to the Abstract**

Please replace the Abstract beginning on page 19 with the following amended paragraph:

~~This invention relates to an~~ An optical device (1) ~~including~~ includes a cavity (2) for which at least part is ellipsoidal with a first focus (F<sub>1</sub>) and a second focus (F<sub>2</sub>). ~~[,]~~, ~~the~~ The device ~~including~~ includes means of presenting a medium containing components to be analysed in the cavity at the first focus, ~~and~~ the device also ~~including~~ includes means of transporting an excitation light beam in the cavity along a path also passing through the first focus (F<sub>1</sub>) to illuminate the medium at the first focus. The ellipsoidal part of the cavity includes a wall reflecting light emitted by the medium in response to the excitation light beam, ~~and~~ the device ~~including~~ includes means (5) of collecting said emitted light at the second focus (F<sub>2</sub>).